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MERIT App
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Merit Order Dispatch of Electricity for Rejuvenation of Income and Transparency (MERIT) App, if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the app and the advantages accrued to the users of the app; and

(b) whether the Government is exploring the possibility of using such apps to prevent misappropriation of resources and efficient management of coal and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : Yes, Madam. The Mobile App 'Merit Order Dispatch of Electricity for Rejuvenation of income Transparency' (MERIT) was launched on 5th July, 2017. This App provides information about the merit order despatch of power in the country. It displays information regarding source-wise fixed and variable costs of power, State-wise marginal costs of power, energy volumes and purchase prices.

The advantages of the MERIT App includes transparent information dissemination pertaining to marginal variable cost and source wise purchase of electricity, it may result in optimization of the power procurement costs and indication of supply side adequacy and cost of power procurement.

The mobile version is freely available for download from the Google Play-store for Android / iOS App store for Apple Devices.

(b) : The basic objective of development of such Apps is to bring greater transparency in the system, which results in more accountability and efficient management of resources.

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